

[English]

Review of Performance of Export

*228. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up Commercial Wings in Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the details of its objectives;

(c) whether the Government have recently reviewed the functioning of the above wings in connection with their export promotion performance;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have found the performance of these wings satisfactory;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the objectives of these wings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir, 66 Commercial Wings abroad are presently in existence. These Wings advise and assist in the formulation of economic and trade policies of the country, aparta from rendering assistance for the strengthening of India's trade and economic relations with the country of their accreditation.

(c) and (d). The functioning of the Commercial Wings abroad is periodically monitored on a continuous basis;

(e) and (f). The performance of the Commercial Wings has been found to be useful for increasing, diversifying and boosting India's international trade; and

(g) These include updation of two-way information exchange system, trade related data base and holding of region-wise conferences of India's Commercial representatives etc.

Enhancement of Equity Content

*229. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have cleared several proposals in which the companies had asked for enhanced equity content;

(b) if so, the proposals cleared during the current financial year; and

(c) the total amount of investment involved, installed capacity and employment generation potentiality of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. A total of 85 number of proposals have been cleared by the Government involving enhanced equity content during the current financial year i.e. 1-4-96 to 30-9-96. These proposals envisage Foreign Direct Investment of Rs. 1806.12 crores in various Sectors like Power, Services, Electrical Equipments, Chemicals (other than Fertilizers) and Food Processing Industries etc. Sector-wise break-up of Foreign Direct Investment increase in equity cases approved during the period 1-4-96 to 30-9-96 is given in the Statement enclosed. The details of such proposals viz. Name and Country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Data on employment generation with specific linkage to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) are not maintained. Employment linkage is with respect to Industrial Approvals i.e. LOI (for Licensed Sectors) and IEMs (for Delicensed Sectors). Such approvals are inclusive of projects involving Foreign Direct Investment. Similarly, installed capacity of the projects has no specific linkage to Foreign Direct Investment. With the delicensing of most of the industries in terms of Government's New Industrial Policy of 1991, capacity is not the constraint.

STATEMENT

Sector-wise Break-up of Foreign Direct Investment Increase in Equity Cases Approved During the Period (01/04/96 to 30/09/96)

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Name of Industry	Total			Amount of FDI Approved	% of Total Amount Approved
		Total	Tech	Fin		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Mettallurgical Industries					
	Ferrous	1	0	1	2.03	0.11